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Brown Hotel Burned Yesterday Morning

Laclede Lost Its Only Hotel in An Early Morning Fire

Laclede suffered another heavy loss from fire when the Brown hotel was reduced to ashes yesterday morning. The fire originated in an upstairs room in the southwest part of the building and had eaten its way almost half across the building before discovered. The stairway was shut off and guests in the second story escaped by means of ropes thrown from the windows.

The fire was discovered between 3 and 4 o'clock and by daylight nothing remained but the smoldering ruins. But few people heard the alarm and many knew nothing of the fire until they came down town at the morning business hour.

Much of the dining room, parlor, office and other furniture in the down stairs rooms was saved but scarcely anything was gotten from the up stairs rooms. Several guests escaped in scant attire.

The building and hotel furniture belonged to John C. Brown, a traveling salesman, and was operated by Joe Duncan who rented it and took possession last February. The owner of the property is out of town but we learn the building was insured for \$3,000 and the contents \$1,500.

Laclede is now without a hotel. This removes one of the landmarks of the town, the main part being built by the late T. E. Foreman in 1883.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday school 9:45, sermons at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning theme, "A great song and great singers"; evening subject, "The wise men and their three Camels." Both will be Christmas sermons, the evening services being specially for young people and boys and girls. Come with your children and let us make it a family night, for we surely want the boys and girls. Epworth League 9:45.

Christmas and New Years Greetings to the membership and congregation.

The world's first Christmas gift came from the heart of God. Angels sang the heavenly anthem, revealing to the shepherds the birth of the King. Wise men from the east followed His star till science and revelation met around the manger at Bethlehem. The birth of Christ has bestowed honor upon childhood and motherhood, yea, upon all the world.

Let us go in spirit even unto the little town of Bethlehem and honor the King by our worship, by our gifts, and above all by our lives, for all we are and all we have we owe to him. We sincerely hope that you may have a Happy Christmas enjoying not only earthly bounties but rich heavenly blessings, and that you and yours may have a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

W. H. AND MRS. LAYTON

Billie Goes East

W. P. Marlow, having sold his farm and closed out all his property here, left on Thursday of last week for Hickory, N. C., to visit his old home which he left 27 years ago. He expected to visit Chicago, Pittsburgh, Washington and New York before reaching home.

Locals and Personals

Nice gift stationery at the Rexall Store.

Toys of every kind at the Rexall Store.

Buick Six car for sale. Inquire at The Blade office.

Everything reasonably priced and presents for all at the Rexall Store.

Preaching at Bruner school house Sunday afternoon by Rev. Ralph Craig.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Geo. W. Estes on Tuesday afternoon, December 30.

The Burlington trains taken off on account of the shortage of coal were put back on yesterday.

Several private ice houses were filled with eight inch ice of a very fine quality during the cold spell.

If the weather man will just give us a pleasant day with bright sunshine next Tuesday all will be well.

How about a flashlight for Christmas. The Power Garage has a fine line priced from 75 cents to \$2.35.

Wagons, sleds, kiddie kars, skates knives and scissors make dandy gifts for the kiddies. The Home Store.

Will butcher and sell beef by the quarter and chunk at my place east edge of town. Geo. L. Farrar, phone 6.

A new line of Mueller Keller box candies just received at the Barton drug store. Get your Christmas supply from this stock.

Geo. A. Calhoun has been appointed census enumerator, his territory being all of Parson Creek township except the city of Meadville.

Xmas specials. Delicious and Jonathan apples, oranges, lettuce, celery, grape fruit, Emperor grapes, raisins, dates, figs mixed nuts and bananas. The Home Store.

Get a box of those delicious chocolates, put up specially for the holiday trade, at Barton's drug store. The neatest, nicest and most sanitary way to buy candy.

We are showing a line of fancy imported china at prices lower than you have bought at in the past three years. Beautiful salad bowls from 50 cents up. The Home Store.

Chas. K. Dale took a car of sheep and hogs to the St. Joseph market last week and then went to Kansas City and bought two cars of feeding lambs and a car of alfalfa hay.

Mrs. W. F. Huddleston sends in a money order from Beardstown, Ill., to renew her subscription and accompanies it with the season's greetings and best wishes to her Missouri friends.

See Moore Land Company, Francis Building, Brookfield, Mo., for 5 1/2 per cent money on farm loans, small commission. No charge for examining abstracts or recording papers.

We received the first of this week 800 pounds of strictly high grade candies which we offer you at 40 cents the pound while it lasts. Its going fast so you had better buy early. The Home Store.

Nucoa is so much better than butter we just simply can't keep it. But we have placed orders ahead for the next week and expect to be able to fill all orders. Order a pound with your next order and see for yourself how good it is, 40 cents the pound. The Home Store.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

On account of the torn up condition of the Methodist church the Christmas exercises will be held at the opera house Wednesday evening, December 24th. A popular Christmas Cantata, "The Heart of the Bells," will be presented. The public is invited.

Ed. J. Baker, one of our Chariton county friends and long a subscriber to this paper, made his annual visit to the office Tuesday and had the date of his subscription as well as that of his father's E. B. Baker, Spokane, Wash., advanced to the end of 1920.

Thos. Figgee, aged 13, sustained a fracture of the skull when he fell from a wagon a mile south of town striking his head on the frozen ground, Saturday. He was taken to the Brookfield hospital where Dr. Burke operated on him, and he was afterwards taken to the hospital at Kirkeville.

The local fuel committee created to help conserve coal during the fuel famine was dissolved Monday, the ban on coal having been raised. Operators are now allowed to ship direct to local dealers and consumers have the privilege of buying all they want providing they can find the coal and have the price.

The remains of Mrs. O. W. Elliott were brought here from Kansas City, Kas., Tuesday and given burial in the city cemetery. The Elliott family lived in Laclede for many years, leaving about thirty years ago. The deceased was a member of one of the pioneer families of the town, being a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Seward, long since laid to rest in the Laclede cemetery. The husband, daughter and son accompanied the remains.

Dr. Frank L. Tracy of Anderson, Ind., and old time citizen of Laclede, dropped in on friends here Friday. Dr. Tracy removed from here more than a quarter of a century ago but he still has many friends here who are always glad to see him. Dr. Tracy's son, Dr. Ross Tracy, who was born here 33 years ago when the family lived in the Pershing house, spent 18 months in overseas service, being a surgeon at one of the base hospitals in France. While here Dr. Tracy visited The Blade, renewing his subscription for two years.

The residence of H. M. Bartimus, formerly know as the Duckworth place, one and a half miles east of town, was destroyed by fire about daylight last Monday morning. It is supposed to have caught sometime in the night as it was not discovered until it began to fall in, the whole second story being on fire. A small amount of the contents was saved. The building was insured for \$1,000 and the contents for \$300 in the Laclede Mutual. Secretary Byrd adjusted the loss and paid the insurance the day of the fire. The insurance perhaps covered about half the loss.

Death of J. E. Kent

After suffering for more than a year from the effects of the flu which he contracted in the early part of November of last year, Joseph E. Kent passed away at his home here early Wednesday morning.

He was born February 25, 1862; was married to Miss Marie L. Ehrich, February 26, 1890. To this union seven girls and one boy were born; the latter died in infancy. The surviving children are Mrs. Ethel Hall of St. Louis, Miss Madge of Kansas City, and Marie, Amy, Lena, Merle and Erma at home. The wife and mother passed away four years ago this month. The family came here from Iowa in 1902.

The deceased was a member of the Modern Woodman and Royal Neighbors, carrying \$2,000 insurance in the former and \$1,000 in the latter.

Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church Friday afternoon at 2:00, to be conducted by Rev. Layton, and interment in the Laclede cemetery by Director Thorpe.

Sudden Death of Young Lady

Laclede was shocked Tuesday evening to learn of the sudden death of Miss Ruth Loomis, youngest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. A. L. Loomis, at the family home near Meadville. Just before dark that evening she went out about the barn and to look after the chickens. As she did not return when expected a search was made and her dead body was found in the chicken house. She had not been real well for some time but was not considered in a serious condition. The doctor who had been summoned expressed the opinion that indigestion had reached the heart and caused almost instant death.

Deceased was a member of one of the best and most highly respected families of the county, a sister of Mrs. M. P. Benson and Mrs. E. E. Benson of Laclede, and had many friends here where she had visited on many occasions. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken family.

Stock Shipments

The following members of the shipping association sent a car of hogs to the St. Joseph market Monday night: Mrs. Garside, Floyd Harter, Sam McDonnell, Lon McCoy, W. G. Stockwell, I. R. Griffin, Cecil Welsh, Walter Alexander, David Perry, J. Parks and G. F. Pencher.

Mr. Patterson took a mixed car out Thursday evening for the following members: Ross Howard, J. W. McDonnell, Jeff Connerston, F. R. Day, Z. R. Kling, A. J. Havens, J. F. Farrar, E. E. Kennedy, I. R. Griffin, L. Brendahl, G. W. Syms, Chas. Taylor, A. B. Henderson, C. V. Jennings, Elmer Patton.

Saturday Specials

For next Saturday we are going to give our customers 2 cans of Bee Brand Early Peas for 25 cents. This is a high quality pea and a real bargain at the price. Two cans to the customer.

Fresh oysters and celery, fresh meat, prepared packing house products, and all kinds of vegetables. Fine cabbage at 5 cents the pound. Get your coffee of us; the right brand at the right price.

A. G. GROES.

Books and games for young and old at the Rexall Store.

General Pershing Coming Tuesday

With Staff and Personal Party Will Spend the Day Here

General Pershing and his party in private observation car "New York" will reach Laclede Tuesday morning, the car being attached to the "Dude." The car will be set at the Main street crossing just north of the Talbott grain office.

With the General is two Aides-de-camp, his son Warren and his sister, Miss May Pershing. These will be the guests of Laclede during the day, leaving at 8:42 that evening for Lincoln, Nebr., to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. D. M. Butler.

As The Blade goes to press the program is still incomplete, depending some on the weather.

The general plan is, however, to hold a public reception at the opera house in the morning, give a noonday luncheon at the Pershing home, covers being laid for twenty-four, the program at the opera house to follow.

Governor Gardner will welcome General Pershing and present him with a handsome gold medal on behalf of the state, Major A. W. Mullins, of Linneus, if able to be present will speak for the county, and Attorney C. C. Bigger will welcome General Pershing to Laclede and his old home.

Music will be furnished throughout the day by the Brookfield orchestra. The decoration committee will be on the job Monday and everybody will be busy from now on.

The luncheon is being prepared under the direction of Mrs. Bigger who has called to her aid several of the best cooks of the town and that it will be elegant and well served there can be no doubt. The luncheon guests outside the governor and the general's party is to be confined to those who were close friends of General Pershing during his boyhood days here. In fact it is to be an old home gathering as near as possible.

Personal Paragraphs

Rev. Seigle will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church next Sunday, preaching morning and evening. All friends of the church cordially invited.

Just received! A shipment of Mirror Aluminum ware that is the finest yet. If you want to please the ladies give them a piece of this high grade ware. The Home Store.

Chris Brockman of Chillicothe was shaking hands with old friends here Wednesday having come to attend the Downey sale. He visited The Blade and renewed for next year.

S. H. Hogsett of Detroit, Ill., on his way to spend the winter at Oklahoma City, stopped off this week for a few days visit with his nephew, V. E. Hogsett and wife on route one.

O. I. Fay, returning to his home in Kansas City, was here Tuesday and dropped in a dollar for The Blade another year. He had been at Hale to see his father-in-law who is dangerously ill.

The following students at the state university are home for the holidays: Loren Potter, Ross Welsh, Thomas Wade, Misses Ruby Walker, Ruth Doak, Nora Wade, Catherine Moore,